## The City of Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board

Minutes of the Board's meeting on 5/5/09

## **Board Members Present:**

Tatiana Ausema, Angella Foster, Andria Jones, Anna Socrates, Ginny Zanner

Other attendees: Nicole DeWald, staff liaison Excused absences: Darcy Howe, James Wilson Unexcused Absences: Andria Jones, James Wilson

## **Proceedings:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm. The Board began by discussing the need to elect new officers due to recent loss of members. Tatiana Ausema was nominated to be the new chair of the Board and unanimously approved by all present. Anna Socrates was nominated to be Co-Chair and unanimously approved by all present. Angella Foster nominated herself to serve as Secretary and was unanimously approved by all present.

Nicole raised the idea of working of the Board working on **Public Art Platforms Initiative**. The goal of this project would be to have various permanent platforms throughout Greenbelt which would be locations for a changing exhibit of works of public art.

Everyone present voiced their support of the idea, and everyone was assigned a specific area of Greenbelt in which to research possible locations for the art platforms. The assignments were as follows: Tatiana Ausema (Greenbelt East), Angella Foster (Old Greenbelt / Single Family Homes), Andria Jones (Greenbelt West), Anna Socrates (Old Greenbelt / GHI) Nicole suggested that board members take photos of prospective locations & email them to her before June's meeting.

The Board also discussed other considerations regarding the **Public Art Platforms Initiative** which would need to be addressed at future meetings: How many sites should there be? Should there be both indoor and outdoor sites? BY what process, would works be found and approved for installation? What would be the standard length of installation? How much will it cost to have the platforms installed? What kind of platform should be installed?

The Board also discussed other ideas for the future of the AAB. Tatiana raised the idea of the Board drafting a five year strategic plan for the development of the arts in Greenbelt. Nicole responded that most the arts in Greenbelt arise through a sort of philosophy of "creative opportunism." The rest of Board responded to these two perspectives, and the idea for a five year strategic plan was shelved for the time being.

The Board requested that Nicole present with a more comprehensive view of her responsibilities at the Community Center in order to help the Board better assist her and the arts at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The Board also discussed the space needs of different arts groups in Greenbelt and ways to better connect these groups with the already existing resurces in Greenbelt.

Angella expressed interest in writing about the arts for the Greenbelt New Review; Nicole suggested contacting Mary Lou Williamson Angella also requested contact list for present board, including new members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.